

SENATE BILL 3293  
By Fowler

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49,  
Chapter 6, Part 21, relative to the operation of  
school buses and vans.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, Chapter 6, Part 21, is amended by  
adding a new, appropriately designated section thereto:

49-6-21\_\_.

(a) The executive director of the state board of education, in consultation  
with the commissioner of safety, shall conduct a study of the methods by which  
school buses and vans with more than twelve (12) years of service are assessed  
for safety and fitness. The executive director shall submit a report disclosing the  
findings of the study to the general assembly no later than April 1, 2006.

(b) The study shall include:

(1) The effects of technological advancements in automotive  
maintenance and service;

(2) The effects of advancements in the production of engines and  
other automotive parts;

(3) The effects of the use of computers and electronic systems to  
monitor automotive performance; and

(4) A cost-savings analysis.

(c) The executive director is authorized to promulgate new rules and  
regulations if the executive director determines that the findings of the study

support that greater consideration must be afforded to technological  
advancements in automotive maintenance and service.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming law, the public welfare requiring  
it.